

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on Wednesday, September 2, 1998 at 2:14 p.m.:

That the Senate Agreed to Conference Report H.R. 629

That the Senate Agreed to Conference Report H.R. 4059

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.

PERMISSION FOR THE SPEAKER TO ENTERTAIN SUNDRY MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES ON TODAY

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding clause 1 of rule XXVII, it shall be in order at any time today for the Speaker to entertain the following motions to suspend the rules and to pass bills and resolutions:

H.R. 3109, Thomas Cole National Historic Site Act; S. 1683, Lake Chelan National Recreation Area; S. 1883, Conveyance of the Marion National Fish Hatchery to the State of Alabama; H.R. 4090, Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act; H.R. 678, Thomas Alva Edison Sesquicentennial Commemorative Coin Act; H.R. 1560, Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act; H.R. 2225, Designating the Lloyd D. George Federal Building and United States Courthouse; H.R. 3295, Designating the Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building; H. Res. 459, Commemorating 50 Years of Relations between the United States and the Republic of Korea; H. Res. 421, Expressing a Sense of the House of Representatives Deploing the Tragic and Senseless Murder of Bishop Juan Jose Gerardi; H. Con. Res. 277, Concerning the New Tribes Mission Hostage Crisis; H. Con. Res. 292, Calling for an End to the Recent Conflict between Eritrea and Ethiopia; H.R. 3810, Designating the James T. Leonard, Sr., Post Office Building; H.R. 2623, Designating the Ray J. Favre Post Office Building; H.R. 3167, Designating the Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr., Post Office Building; H.R. 3939, Designating the Edgar C. Campbell, Sr., Post Office Building; and H.R. 3999, Designating the David P. Richardson, Jr., Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

THE AIR FORCE'S VERY BEST HONORED

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, last Friday, the United States Air Force lost

12 brave airmen who specialized in combat search and rescue and special operations missions. These airmen were representatives of the very best of the United States Air Force. They were highly skilled and they were regularly deployed to remote corners of the globe, supporting America's national military strategy.

Their unit, the 66th Helicopter Rescue Squadron, based in my district at Nellis Air Force Base, is only one of 2 such units in the United States Air Force. One can find the 66th and their sophisticated H-60 "Pave Hawk" helicopters, wherever the action is: Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Turkey; you name it, they are there.

These men are part of a proud tradition of military professionals who dedicated their lives to the defense of our country. They paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Each and every American owes them a debt of gratitude for protecting the freedoms we all enjoy.

Tomorrow, in a memorial service at Nellis, their families and peers will honor these heroes. Our thoughts and our prayers are with the families today and tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, these men lived up to the 66th Helicopter Rescue Squadron's motto, "These things we do so that others may live."

PROTECT SOCIAL SECURITY

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, Social Security is a guarantee. No senior has ever gone without a benefits check, even in times of economic recession. That is because the full faith and credit of the United States stands behind the Social Security promise.

Social Security is there for everyone. Wall Street is a gamble. Unlike Social Security, Wall Street cannot guarantee anything because the stock market is premised on a bet that there will be someone willing to pay a lot more for something than someone else will. The recent fall in the stock market should be a reminder: As with all gambles, there is a downside. What goes up must come down.

Turning Social Security over to Wall Street will mean that senior retirees will have to check the Dow Jones before they check their mailboxes to see if they are going to have any money left for shelter, food and medicine. There is no reason to sell out Social Security to Wall Street.

Privatization schemes trade away Social Security's guarantee for a Wall Street gamble. Americans do not need a gamble. Americans need to hear Congress reaffirm its commitment to its citizens. Protect Social Security.

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON TERRORISM ACT

(Mr. WOLF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, while Congress was in recess over the last few weeks, the news was filled with reports on the bombing of the U.S. embassies in East Africa and subsequent retaliation strikes in Sudan and Afghanistan. Experts in the field of counterterrorism are warning about a coming long and difficult struggle between the U.S. and the forces of terrorism.

While much valuable work is being done by the intelligence community to combat terrorism, we need to take a close look at national terrorism policy. Today I will introduce, with other Members, the National Commission on Terrorism Act which will serve an important role in making sure we do everything possible to prevent future terrorist attacks.

This legislation would create a commission consisting of 15 distinguished experts in the field of terrorism including 3 Congressmen and 3 Senators. Five members appointed by the President, 5 by the Speaker, and 5 by the Senate majority leader in consultation with the minority. Over the course of 6 months, the Commission will be charged with developing a clear and effective strategy for protecting the American people.

Mr. Speaker, with the threat of terrorism on the rise and new threats of chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons looming on the horizon, I believe it is the right time for a comprehensive assessment of our Nation's terrorism policy.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor the bill and hopefully we will pass it before we go home.

JANET RENO SHOULD LEAD OR GET OUT OF THE WAY

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, this Monica matter is serious, but it pales in comparison to the reports that the White House was bribed with Chinese money.

Unbelievable. I do not know if it is true, but I know one thing. Janet Reno has turned her back on both the American people and the Constitution.

Let us tell it like it is. Janet Reno should either lead or get out of the way. I say to my colleagues, Monica is a fly on her face. This Chinese money business is a dragon eating her assets.

I say, Janet Reno has 2 decisions to make. One is to appoint an independent counsel to scrutinize and investigate this madness, or number 2, Janet Reno should resign. I urge my colleagues to think about it.

I yield back the balance of any national security we may have left.